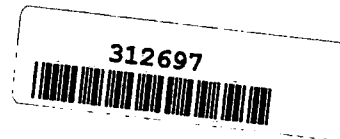


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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 will begin a cleanup action at the former Sweet Kleen Laundry site, located at 760 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, New York during the week of May 9, 2005.

The cleanup action will include the following tasks:

- Dismantling and removal of the 100' high brick chimney on-site;
- Removal of all asbestos from pipes and debris on-site;
- Removal of approximately 20 drums of oils, solvents, detergents and electrical transformers;
- Dismantling and disposal of site buildings and water tower; and,
- Further assessment and potential removal of limited amounts of tetrachloroethylene contaminated soil on-site.

EPA found no off-site impacts from the limited soil contamination on site. Testing was conducted by EPA in December 2003, indicating that there is a small amount of soil contamination from tetrachloroethylene (a common dry cleaning solvent) within the Site buildings.

All waste from the site will be disposed off-site at EPA-approved recycling facilities or waste disposal facilities.

EPA will use WRS Infrastructure and Environment, of Bristol, Pennsylvania as the cleanup contractor at the site. Work will take approximately 3 months to complete.

Background:

The City of Buffalo acquired the property and associated buildings through a process known as "in-rem" for vacant properties and subsequently inspected and secured the Sweet Kleen buildings. The City of Buffalo and the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) initially requested EPA's assistance in conducting this cleanup.

Founded in 1925, Sweet Kleen Laundry operated a commercial laundry operation on this 2-acre site until the early 1990's when they abandoned the facility.

If you have any questions concerning this site evaluation and obtaining additional site information, please feel free to contact Mike Basile, Public Affairs Specialist at EPA's Public Information Office in Niagara Falls, NY at (716) 285-8844. Information can also be obtained from EPA at their on-site project office.

EPA has created a web site on the internet. This web URL is www.epaosc.net/sweetkleen.